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SUBJ: VIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (E-SYSTEMS)

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 6071; (B) STATE 247713; (C) STATE 237725;
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1. BOEING REPRESENTATIVE EHRENWALD REPORTS THAT MOST RECENT NEW-AIRCRAFT DELIVERY DATES (CONFIRMED BY COMPANY OCTOBER 8) WERE FOR MARCH 78 AND SHOULD BE ACTED ON BEFORE JANUARY 1977 SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE. HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH PATAN THIS WEEK, AS WELL AS PLANS FOR ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO VISIT BOEING IN EARLY NOVEMBER (REF A, PARA 2). EHRENWALD CATEGORICALLY DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF DELIVERY EARLIER THAN MARCH 78.

2. THIS INFORMATION PLAINLY DIFFERS FROM COLLINS' ASSURANCES TO ROMANIANS THAT NEW 707-320 C COULD BE DELIVERED JANUARY 1978 AND SHOULD BE ACTED ON BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1976 (REF C).

3. WE DON'T WANT TO COMPOUND CONKUSION CAUSED BY INADEQUATE ROMANIAN COORDINATION BY RELAYING CONFLICTING STORIES TO ROMANIANS. EMBASSY REQUESTS GANLEY'S HELP IN RECONFIRMING CONTENT AND RELEVANT BACKGROUND OF COLLINS' INFORMATION CONCERNING AIRCRAFT DELIVERY DATES (REF C). WE WOULD DELIVER GANLEY'S MESSAGE TO ZGAVARDICI, HARABAGIU AND SPATARU, AND USE OCCASION TO PRESS FOR REPLIES TO REFS B, C AND D.

4. SPATARU REQUESTS COLLINS ALSO BE NOTIFIED OF DECISION TO
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